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Elba Industrial Development Board meets

Members approve motion approving  
July action of transferring funds to city

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Industrial Board met Monday morning, Oct. 31, at 7:30 a.m., with several items on the meeting's agenda.

A financials report showed a transfer of \$131,742.82 from the City of Elba Industrial Development Board (IDB) bank account in July 2022. The explanation for this line item was transfer to purchase property.

During Monday morning's meeting, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox further explained this to board members. He said the monies had been left in the bank account left from a potential industrial project that had been identified a few years ago; however, that project never came to fruition leaving the funds in the account.

The mayor said the funds should have reverted back

to the city already when the previous project fell through, but all involved had simply let it sit in the account.

Maddox said a new potential project was identified earlier this year for the city when it was in the 'running' for a regional mental health diversion center that the South Central Mental

Health Board was seeking a locate in the area. Maddox said the city's attorney cited Alabama Code 11-54-93 (disposition of net earnings of boards) as a valid reason to transfer funds from the

IDB to purchase property the city hoped the center would be built on if Elba was the chosen city for the new center.

The transfer of funds was made, the city purchased the property, but Elba was not chosen to house the center.

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**I Industrial Development Board member John Holley said regarding the transfer of funds.**

During Monday's meeting and since the Industrial Development Board had not met prior to discuss the matter, the mayor suggested the board approve a retroactive motion to allow use of the funds for the property that was purchased by the city. He indicated the suggested move would help clear up any confusion and have the matter recorded in a public meeting for the board.

Board member John Holley wondered why even have an Industrial Development Board if the members of that board are not going to be involved in such decisions. Also, he questioned if the city does not need their vote to move the monies around what's the point of the board.

Board member Jake Cowen followed up asking if the matter was more of a need to approve a motion to allow the transfer of the monies back to the city for the city to use those funds, rather than the Industrial Development Board approving a motion to buy the property.

"I would have liked to have been notified ahead of time and been involved in discussions," Holley said regarding the matter.

He further asked why the city had not gotten an option on the land rather than purchasing it before



**MAN INJURED IN MOTORCYCLE WRECK...** A motorcyclist was injured Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30, when he wrecked his cycle on U.S. Highway 84 E in Elba (near the Larkin Road intersection) shortly after 3 p.m. It was a single vehicle wreck, and reportedly the operator of the motorcycle suffered several injuries, including several broken bones, from the accident. He was transferred to an area hospital from the scene by Enterprise Rescue. Also on scene of the wreck were volunteers with the Elba Fire Department. Elba Police investigated the accident. Reportedly, speed and a wet roadway were believed to be contributing factors in the wreck.

## Elba City Council approves Fiscal Year 2023 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council approved its Fiscal Year 2023 budget during its Monday, Oct. 24, meeting, at just over \$4.7 million for total anticipated revenues.

The sub-total operational revenues for the city's budget were estimated at \$3,545,000 with \$788,130 expected in cash transfers from the Elba Water and Electric Board for a total of \$4,333,130. The Fiscal Year 2022 budget, as of September, had total operational revenues were 4,110,271 while the budgeted total was \$4,062,130.

The new budget also anticipates \$376,000 in restricted revenues bringing the Fiscal Year 2023 grand total for revenues to an anticipated \$4,709,130 compared to \$4,479,371 for Fiscal Year 2022.

Looking at expenditures, the city spent \$3,516,125 in Fiscal Year 2022 as of September while it had budgeted \$3,647,584. The budgeted expenditures approved in the new Fiscal Year 2023 budget are estimated to total \$4,275,838.

The highest of those expenditures will be salaries at \$2,028,621 up from \$1,496,253 as of September. The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

We salute those who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces!

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## Elba Police make distribution of controlled substance arrest

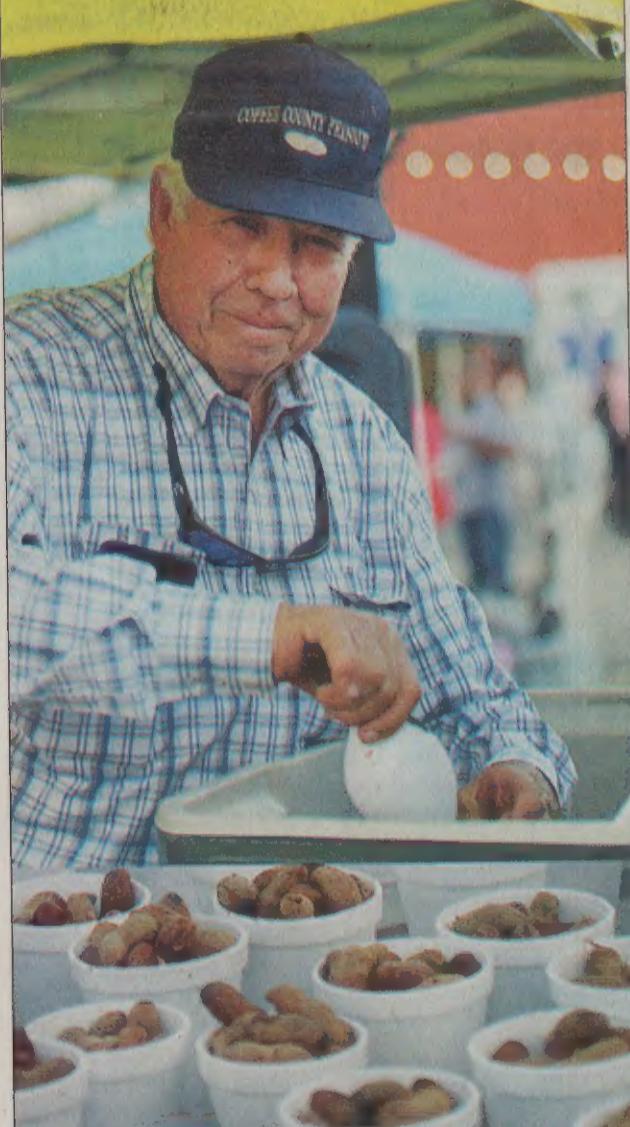
According to Coffee County Jail reports, Elba Police arrested Blake Head, age 25, of Elba on Monday, Oct. 31, and charged him with distribution of a controlled substance.

Head was booked into the county jail at 3:59 p.m. Monday afternoon. His bond was set at \$60,000, and he remained an inmate in the jail as of press time this week.



**PRINCESS ON THE SQUARE...** Parker Kelley was among hundreds of children dressed in costume Monday night, Oct. 31, at Pumpkins on the Square in downtown Elba. Parker was dressed as Cinderella and was enjoying having her carriage pulled around by her family. She is the daughter of Colten and Kinley Kelley. For more pictures from Pumpkins on the Square, turn to Page 5!

## Coffee County Farm City Peanut Boil...



The Coffee County Farm-City Committee held its annual Peanut Boil this week when volunteers passed out cups of the boiled goodness Monday evening, Oct. 31, during Elba's Pumpkin on the Square event. For several years now, the Farm-City Committee has brought the peanut boil to the local event and has enjoyed seeing hundreds eat their boiled peanuts. Some adults even admit the only reason they attend Pumpkins on the Square is to get a cup of those "good 'ole boiled goobers!" Above, Coffee County farmer and Farm-City volunteer Max Bozman is shown scooping the cups full of peanuts Monday evening for all to enjoy.



**SKINNER SPEAKS AT JOHN COFFEE DAR MEETING...** Shirley Skinner (left), president of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society Inc., spoke recently to the John Coffee Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] Chapter. Skinner said recent check showed the PRHGS has had visitors from 43 states and 7 countries. For more information about this society that is dedicated to history and historic preservation in the Pea River area, check out the Facebook page www.facebook.com/PeaRiverHistorical. Pictured above with Skinner is John Coffee DAR Regent Jacque Hawkins (right).

## Area Happenings

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS ...** On Friday, Nov. 4, the Elba Tigers will host Southern Choctaw in the first round of the AHSAA Football Playoffs while the Brantley Bulldogs will host Choctaw County for first round action. Kickoff for the games is set for 7 p.m.

**THE SOUTH ALABAMA SINGERS SHOWCASE,** hosted by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities & Auburn University Singers, will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Elba High School auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. This is free to the public to attend, and the event will feature Elba High School, Andalusia High School, Enterprise State Community College, and the Covington County Choral Company. For more information, call (334) 844-6198 or email [mwilson@auburn.edu](mailto:mwilson@auburn.edu)

**ZION CHAPEL SCHOOL WILL HOST A VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY** on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. in the new gymnasium. All veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"He turned his life around. He used to be depressed and miserable. Now he's miserable and depressed." — David Frost

As of last Friday, over 100 lawsuits have been filed against the November elections . . . which haven't even been held!!

The Powerball lottery winning pot was at \$1 billion as of Monday morning. P. S. No winner Monday night — the pot got bigger for the Wednesday night drawing (but the odds are still awfully high). There are people in 45 states buying and selling those tickets, but not in Alabama. We have no idea if there will be (was) a winner Wednesday night or not . . . there is a 1 in 292.2 million chance that any particular ticket will be the winner. A person has far better odds of being elected president of the United States!! That suggests the best way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket rather than driving across the Florida (or Georgia) state line and giving it away. However, we can't help but wonder how it would feel to win that pot of money. Our conclusions are that it would be miserable! Kin folks and friends would come out of the woodwork wanting a 'loan' or maybe a plain old "handout". Also, the number of worthy charities requesting donations would far exceed the number we thought existed. While many of the requests would probably be legit, hundreds of others would seem unworthy and fail to give them money would create bitter enemies. Therefore, our life will be much simpler by letting someone else dream about that 'one in a 292.2 million' chance of having more money than any one person could ever need by folding our two one-dollar-bills per ticket and carefully replacing them in our pocket.

Auburn University has announced they are seeking a different football head coach. Coach Bryan Harsin still had several years left on his contract and the school will be paying him something more than \$15 million — for not working at Auburn! Now, forget the Powerball lottery, sign me to one of those Auburn coaching contracts and you can fire me the next week! No hard feelings.

As expected by the Washington experts, former president Donald Trump has again appealed a court decision to the U. S. Supreme Court. This one has to do with his personal income tax records. It is true that all Americans have the legal right to appeal a court decision, any court decision, right on up to the Supreme Court. However, if the entire population of America started appealing everything they disagreed with right on up to the Supreme court, the country would need twenty Supreme Courts! When the U. S. court system was set up it was assumed that only a select few cases, those with constitutional questions, would be appealed to the one U. S. Supreme Court. Trump's cases are just a small part of the trend to appeal, appeal, appeal. P.S. On Monday he gained another, of many, delays in the income tax returns matter.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

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## Elba beautician retires after 50 years of service

A career spanning 50 years came to a close last Friday, Oct. 28, when Elba beautician Edna Morrow hung up her scissors.

Morrow began her long career of cutting and styling hair in 1972 at the Magic Mirror with Bertie Boland, Elaine Bryan, and Gloria Jinright. When the day came for Boland to retire and close the Magic Mirror, Morrow and her clientele moved to Edna and Gloria's Beauty and Barber Shop — both businesses were located on the square in downtown Elba, just different sides.

Last Friday, family members, customers, and friends hosted a "Come and Go" retirement celebration for Morrow at the beauty shop from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. It was definitely a day for the Elba history books, and the entire community wishes Morrow well in her retirement!



Edna Morrow, left, is pictured with Bertie Boland, right, last Friday morning during Morrow's retirement celebration at her beauty shop. The two ladies worked decades together at The Magic Mirror before Boland retired several years ago.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, and Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Oct. 25** — Suspicious person reported at 200 Brunson St (7:08 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 2872 County Rd 410 (7:39 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 608 Mullins Circle (12:51 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 435 Reese Ave (2:24 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 561 E Davis St (7:07 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation issued.

**Wednesday, Oct. 26** — Animal complaint reported at 2659 Hwy 125 (12:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Boutwell St and Williams St - w/ impound (11:46 a.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (11:49 a.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (11:51 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 325 Brunson Circle (12:23 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (3:44 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 804 Hwy 203 (8:49 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 919 Reese Ave (9:24 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, two written warnings, and one citation.

**Thursday, Oct. 27** — Animal complaint reported on Hickman Ave - w/ impound (8:22 a.m.); Sex offense reported at 2205 County Rd 249 (12:23 p.m.); Harassment reported at 626 Mullins Circle (4:43 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, two citations, one warrant served, one verbal warning, and one arrest.

**Friday, Oct. 28** — Suspicious person reported at 1207 Farris Ave (12:23 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1243 Neil Grantham Dr (10:09 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1150 N Claxton Ave (10:22 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 28368 Hwy 167, Jack (10:49 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1125 Neil Grantham Dr - w/ an arrest (9:28 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

**Saturday, Oct. 29** — Suspicious circumstances reported at 331 Putnam St (8:44 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

**Sunday, Oct. 30** — Suspicious circumstances reported at 1620 Boswell St (1:11 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 203 (3:19 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (9:55 p.m.).

**Monday, Oct. 31** — Theft of property reported at 1027 Reese Ave - w/ an arrest (1:34 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 - w/ advice given (8:31 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Ann/Payne streets (9:04 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1699 County Rd 249 (10:07 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in an arrest.



**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS**...As part of the fall celebration activities last Sunday evening, Oct. 30, at Basin Baptist Church, the men of the church competed in the annual Chili Cookoff Contest. Reportedly, the men take this contest very seriously with some beginning their chili prep work several days in advance. Once judging is complete each year, those in attendance for the fall celebration enjoy the prepared chili for supper. This year's bragging rights as winners went to: (from left) Keith Mattress, second place; Sam Self, winner; and Jason Farris, third place.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou is convinced youth sports just might be better from time to time if the adults were left out of the equation!

With her 'day job' Lou Lou has attended many youth sporting events in the Yonder area over the years, so, she has seen and heard a lot. Last weekend, she and Sister attended a local youth football event, and there was one man in particular that Lou Lou wanted to get a hold of and wash his potty mouth out with soap!

Granted the man was most likely not enjoying the game because his favorite team was not doing well against their opponent, but that is no excuse for his actions.

Lou Lou and Sister were hanging out in the endzone area which put them in a perfect [or horrible] spot to hear the man when he threw his tantrum. One of the young players from his favorite team was on the ground with an injured arm. The coaches came onto the field to check on the little guy — first coach to him was encouraging the young guy to jump up saying, "you're okay, man!" Another person questioned 'what happened' and that is when Mr. Potty Mouth spoke up.

"Let him!" was Lou Lou's response. "I might have a thing or two to say back to him the way he just acted."

Sister just shook her head and told Lou Lou she was going to get them in trouble one day because people are just CRAZY!

Lou Lou has thought often about that scene since it happened, and she just does not understand people who think it is appropriate to speak/act in such a manner as that young man did...it is never a good idea, but it is just downright offensive to do it in front of children. Lou Lou can only hope he regretted his actions later when he cooled off a bit.

As adults, we must DO BETTER in how we act in front of children. They are watching and listening whether we realize it or not!

The head official [who just happens to be a minister outside of his sports officiating] quickly turned his attention to the man letting him know those kinds

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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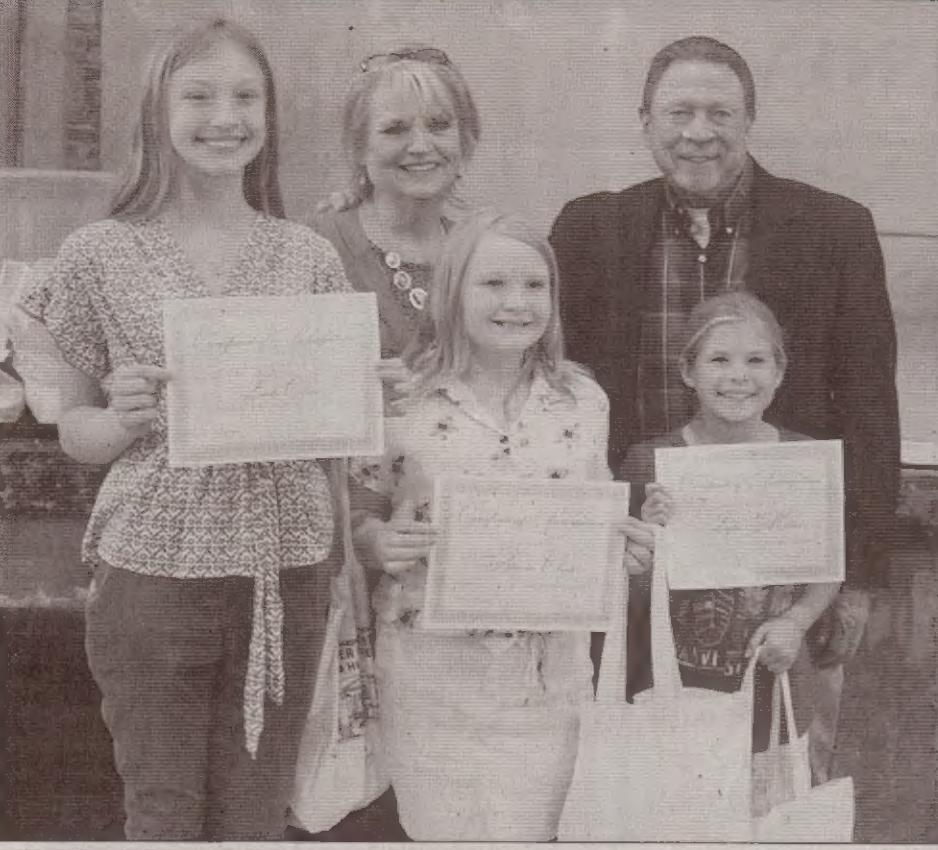
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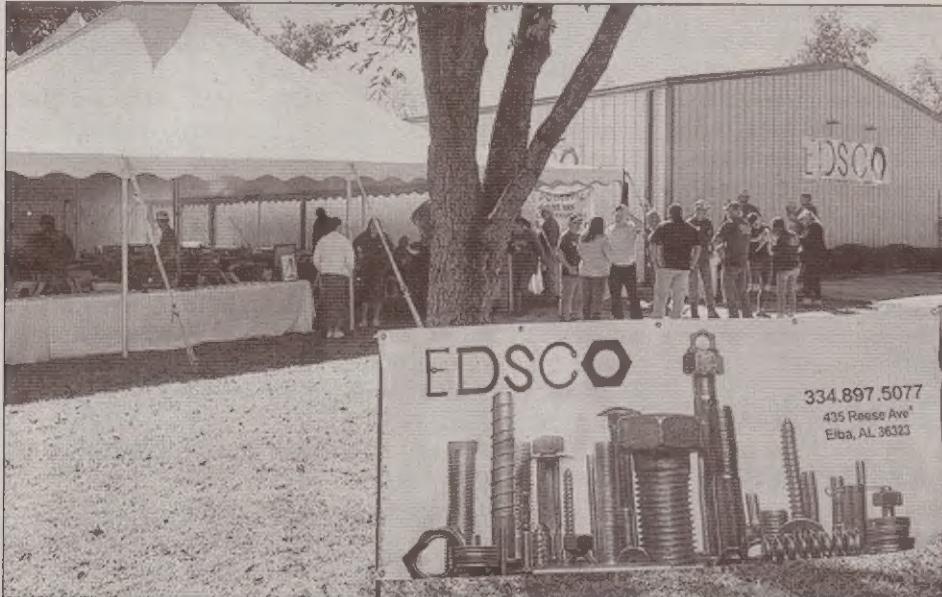
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**AUTHOR ROBERT INMAN VISITS ELBA...**On Tuesday evening, Oct. 11, Elba native and renowned author Robert Inman led an "Elba Stories" discussion at the Elba Theatre. The event opened with a reception prior to Inman speaking to those in attendance. Above, he is pictured with student essay/art contest winners that were recognized during the evening's program. Also pictured is Elba library director Jennifer Amlong. The student winners were (front, from left) Leah Chase, Abigale Chase, and Lyla Miller.



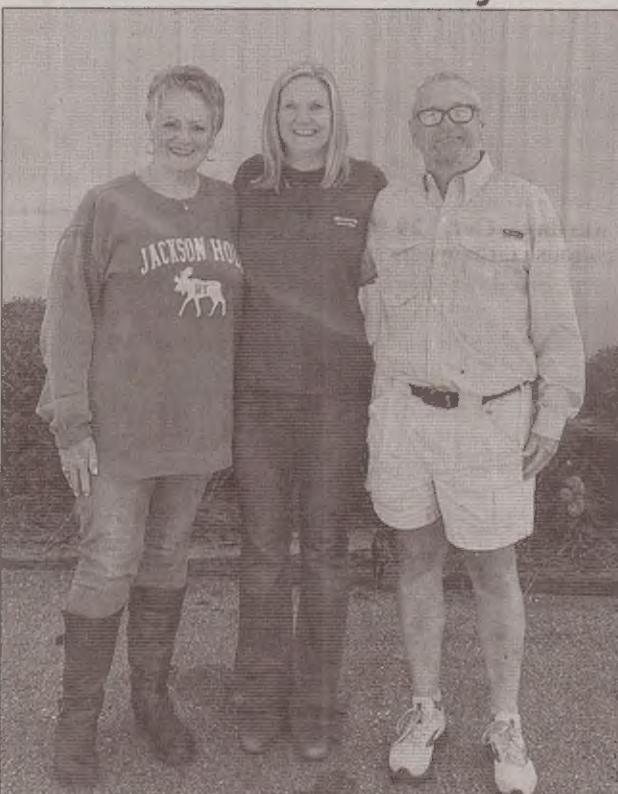
## Elba business celebrates 30 years

On Friday, Oct. 21, Elba business, EDSCO, celebrated 30 years of business with a Customer Appreciation Luncheon. Many well-wishers stopped by between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to congratulate the owners/employees on the milestone. A tasty lunch also was served to those who attended the event.

EDSCO was opened in 1992 by Daniel Stephens and Ed Gannon, and Gannon sold his interest in the company to Stephens in 1995. Stephens retired in 2011 and sold the business to Whitworth.

Stephens said employees like Gene Strickland and Scotty Moulton helped build the business to make it a success. Whitworth began her professional career in 1999 at EDSCO in 1999 after high school. She said it was a dream to be able to eventually purchase the business from Stephens.

Today, EDSCO has grown from two to 16 full-time employees. It is a full-line distributor of dependable fasteners including nuts, bolts, washers and screws. It has a manufacturing facility to produce anchor bolts, concrete anchor bolts, large



Current EDSCO owner Carrie Whitworth, center, is pictured with Janice Strickland and Daniel Stephens at the 30-Year Customer Appreciation Luncheon.

diameter cable and threaded rod. It also provides a full line of industrial items such as industrial gloves, safety glasses, drill bits, cleaning supplies, first aid kits and more.

## ELBA

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the police department this year. Also, half of the funds requested for the police firing range were approved.

The street department had several equipment items requested for the budget, but many of those were not approved this year, including a new backhoe, dump truck, shop truck, street sweeper, and ranger. However, the city leaders did approve funding one full size truck, a Super Z lawnmower, tractor, bushhog, and levee camera inspection equipment for Fiscal Year 2023.

The council approved a roof repair for the senior center in the expenditures, along with some equipment needs and seasonal employee hires for the parks and recreation department.

After all changes were made to adjust the proposed budget, council members voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the City of Elba.

Also, during the meeting, city clerk Sally Bane said bid openings for the renovations to the new Elba

## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### BETTY GRACE PADGETT

Mrs. Betty Grace Padgett, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday evening, Oct. 27, 2022, at home.

Graveside services were held Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, from the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kenneth Kelley officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

Mrs. Padgett was preceded in death by her husband - Winford Padgett, mother - Lurie Irene Brunson, father - Alto Lee Brunson, and daughter - Tammy Bradshaw. Survivors include her daughter: Deborah Russell, Jamestown, NC; granddaughters: Emily Hataway, Elba, and Leah Russell Gober, Fort Collins, Colo.; grandsons: Clinton (Haley) Bradshaw, Elba, and Logan Russell, Jamestown, NC; great-granddaughter: Rylee Kate Bradshaw, Elba; brother: Troyce Brunson, Birmingham, Ala.; sister: Patricia Johnston, Montgomery, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### ESTELLA RODGERS LAWRENCE

Mrs. Estella Rodgers Lawrence, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022.

Funeral services were held Saturday Oct. 29, 2022, at the Mulberry Association Building with Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba directing.

Estella Lawrence, affectionately known as "Big Mama" was born on Dec. 1, 1932, as the eldest child of the late Lemon and Nancy Rodgers. She married Marvin "MC" Lawrence on Nov. 20, 1941. Estella was an active member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, MC; her son, Marvin; and grandson, Costellus.

Survivors include her children: John (Carolyn) Lawrence, Elba, Ralph (Paula) Lawrence, Jacksonville, NC, Pamela (John) Mitchell, Elba, Patricia (Larry) Doughty, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Robin Lawrence, Albany, Ga., Nancy Lawrence, Montgomery, AL;

daughter-in-law: Linda Lawrence, Tacoma, Wash.; son-in-law - Jamie Walden, father-in-law - Carlton Reeves, and mother-in-law - Lenora Reeves.

Survivors include his wife: Cathy Odom, Elba; son: Larry (Carmen) Richard Odom, Elba; daughters: Daphne (Billy) Heap, New Brockton, Ala., and Holly (Terry) Teresa Wallace, Enterprise, Ala., daughter-in-law: Cindy Odom, Elba; granddaughters: Bethne Cowen, Kinston, Ala., Ariana Martinez, Ariz., Zoe Gainey, Texas, Destiny Buchanan, Elba; grandsons: Dustin Odom, and Dillan Odom, both of Kinston, Jesse Watson, Savannah, Ga., Dawson Odom and Cody Odom, both of Elba, Michael Watson, and Zane Wallace, both of Enterprise, Ryan Odom, Opelika, Ala.; three great-grandchildren; brothers: Kenneth and Dennis Odom, both of Elba, and David Odom, Opp, Ala.; sisters: Betty Flowers, Deborah Cook, Tammy Ballard, and Mary Stokes, all of Elba, and Barbara Odom, Opp.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25, 2022 at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Enterprise directing.

Standing at the gate were two Marines, her sons, Douglas and Duran.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years: Fred Brown III; one sister: Mary Brown; two sons: Durrey Alston and Dexter; one daughter: Deborah; and a host of nieces nephews and many friends.

### LARRY JAMES ODOM

Mr. Larry James Odom, age 71, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, from Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church with Dr. John Granger officiating. Burial services followed in the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Prettyman was preceded in death by her father - Houston Hall, mother - Evelyn Hall, son - Jeremiah Prettyman; sisters - Delores Copeland, and Joyce Hicks. Survivors include her husband: Gregg Prettyman, Elba; sons: Robert Cullum, Joshua Prettyman, and Ezekiel Prettyman, all of Elba; daughters: Brandie Prettyman, and Tyra Bradley, both of Elba, and Brianna Prettyman, Wash.; brother: Houston Foy Hall, Fla.; sisters: Linda Cullum, Opp, Ala., and Mary Pittman; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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## CHURCH NEWS



Rainy weather did not stop the children and youth at Basin Baptist Church from enjoying a little fall fun Sunday evening, Oct. 30, at the church. As shown above, the youngsters enjoyed carving pumpkins as part of the church's Fall Festival Celebration. There were lots of fun, cute designs created by the group, but the best part was the laughter coming from all as they worked on the creations. Each was able to take his/her pumpkin home at the end of the night.

### Country Cathedral to host The Thompsons in concert

Country Cathedral in concert Sunday, Nov. 6, Church, located at 31022 at 6 p.m.

U.S. Hwy. 84 E, Opp, Ala. There is no admission

will host The Thompsons charge. All are welcome.

### Elba's Community Thanksgiving Service planned for Nov. 20th

The Elba Ministerial are invited to take part in Alliance will host the this time of thanksgiving. Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m., at Elba United Methodist Church.

All clergy and churches

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### Greater New Zion MB Church wants to put to the 'give' in Thanksgiving

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church

is planning to bless 15 families with turkeys this Thanksgiving season.

The church members are

interested in suggestions of anyone who could benefit from this Thanksgiving meal offer. Suggestions can be phoned to the church

voicemail at 334-897-5545 or 334-464-9222 or email

the church at <outreach@gznmbchurcho.org>.

### NOTICE:

Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for

questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA,

call the center at (334) 897-3019.

GREATER NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Simple Trust in the Lord! Psalm 131: 1-3

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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November Birthdays / Anniversaries:

Rev. Darryl Caldwell 11/1

Dana Kelley 11/2

Greg Martin 11/2

Michael and Evelyn B. Manning 11/2 W.A.

Alvin Jones 11/2

Dee'Nard Brooks 11/5

Carlos Magwood 11/6

Kira Starks 11/6

Juanita Jackson 11/6

ated trust, which in turn resulted in the faith to follow the expert's counsel, even through the worst of the pain.

Faith in God works similarly. God's track record of authority, power, expertise, etc., convinces us to trust Him. That trust results in faith. Then we act according to that faith. Our behavior, the way we live, then becomes evidence of our faith – evidence for all to see. – L.M.W.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 11/3/22

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The king declared that \_\_\_\_\_ had sent \_\_\_\_\_ to rescue the three Israelites.

A: God – His Angel [Daniel 3:28]

Q: Daniel confessed that \_\_\_\_\_ people had not listened to \_\_\_\_\_ servants the \_\_\_\_\_.

A: God's – His – Prophets [Daniel 9:6]

### Basis of Faith

A friend received devastating news: she had an aggressive form of cancer. She left the doctor's office in shock but started treatment immediately on her physician's advice. She suffered through months of surgery, chemotherapy, and rehabilitation, all while holding to the hope that she would recover and live a normal life.

She believed her doctor when he told her that the best chance she had was to follow his instructions and received the treatments. Even though she lost her hair and felt even worse from the medication, she followed the regimen faithfully.

When treatments ended, the doctor pronounced her free of cancer – and she was.

She celebrated with friends and family. She trusted her doctor because of the evidence of his expertise, and that trust proved justified. Notice the sequence: evidence of experts gener-

### Thought to Remember

In prayer, God hears more than words – He listens to your heart

### Questions for the Week of 11/10/22

#### Multiple Choice

Q: The Wise Men asked about the "King of the Jews" for they had seen His (star) (miracle) (angel)

Q: The Wise Men were warned in a dream not to return to (King Herod) (King Ahaz) (King Pekah)

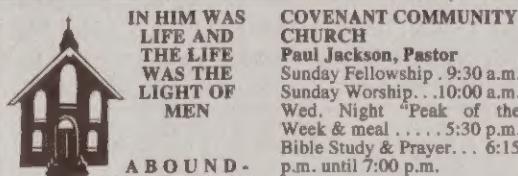
Q: Paul described himself to the Ephesians as a (soldier) (prisoner) (friend) of the Lord.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



### Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

A BOUND IN GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rocky Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, ALA

Richard Thornt Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam. Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 3:00 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remona Smith, Pastor

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

KH Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

## Elba's Pumpkins on the Square continues to be a huge success

The Elba Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the City of Elba, hosted its annual Pumpkins on the Square event Monday night, Oct. 31, for Halloween.

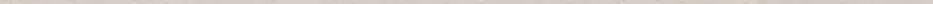
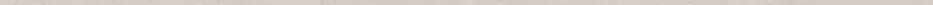
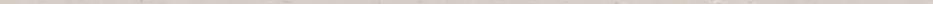
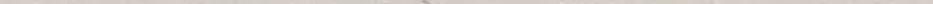
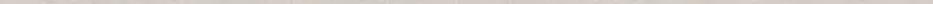
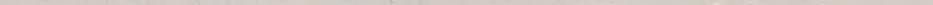
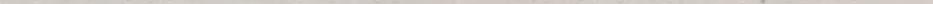
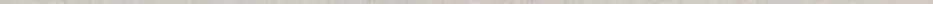
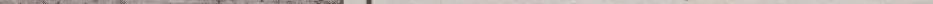
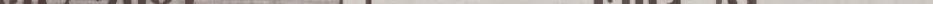
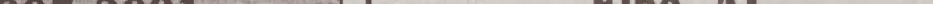
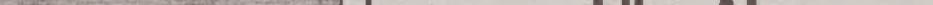
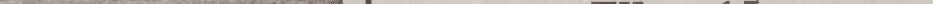
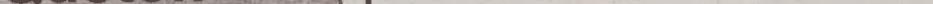
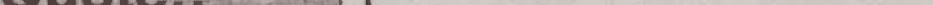
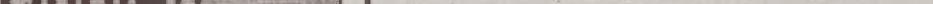
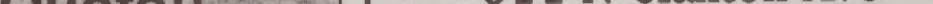
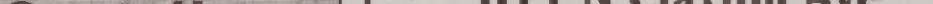
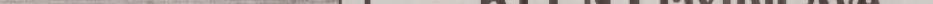
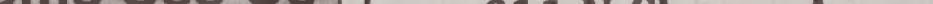
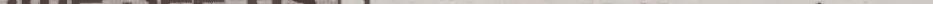
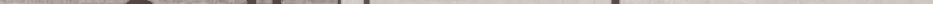
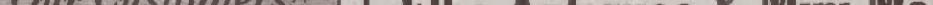
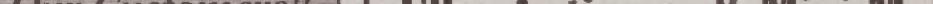
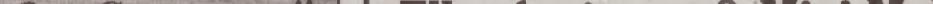
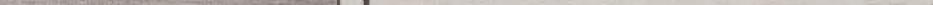
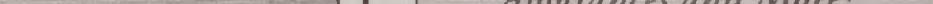
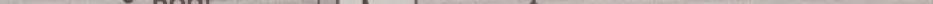
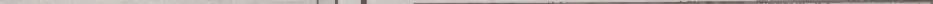
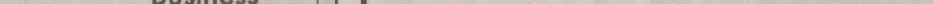
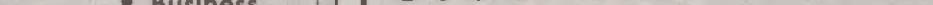
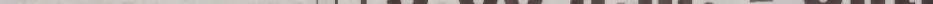
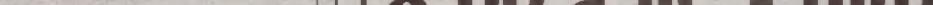
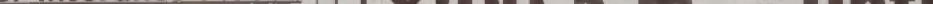
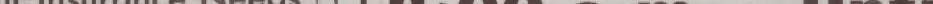
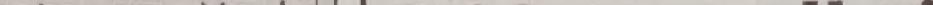
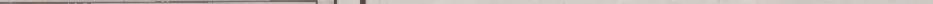
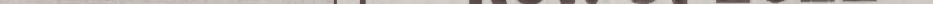
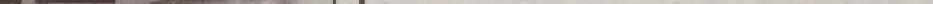
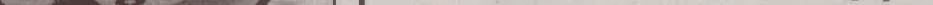
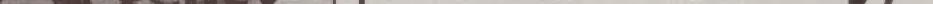
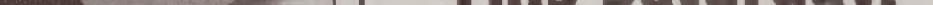
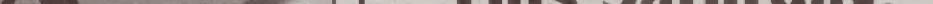
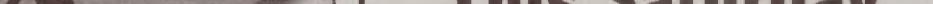
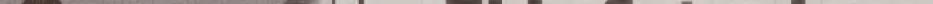
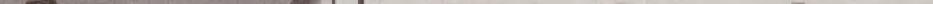
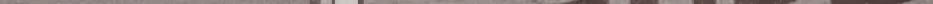
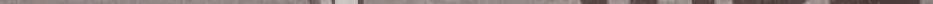
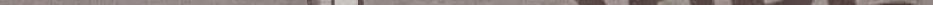
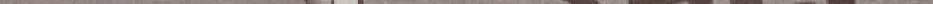
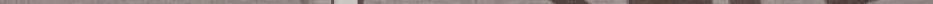
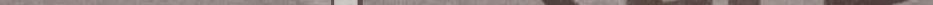
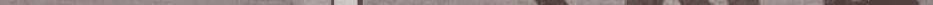
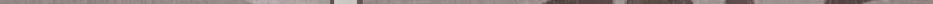
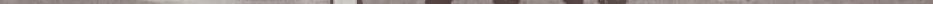
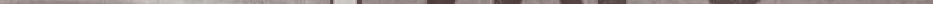
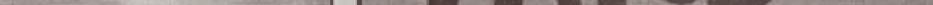
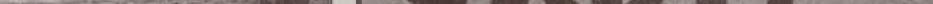
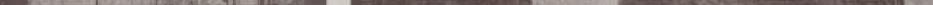
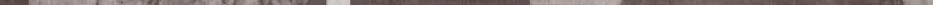
Over the years, Pumpkins on the Square has grown into one of Elba's largest events as the evening celebrates children with merchants, churches and other organizations passing out candy to the youngsters dressed in costume. The night also is filled with entertainment, food, a haunted hayride, jump houses, and more!

The biggest thing Pumpkins on the Square seems to do, however, is bring loads of smiles

and fun for both young and old as the community comes together to celebrate the fall season. Also, Pumpkins on the Square brings traffic into Elba, which in turn generates dollars being spent at the local businesses.

The downtown square streets filled with people and the parking spots all across the city filled with vehicles signified yet another successful event hosted by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

This weekend, the Chamber is encouraging citizens to shop for the holidays as several Elba merchants will be having 'Holiday Open House' sales across the city!





STATE OF ALABAMA  
PROCLAMATION  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the people of Alabama ratified Amendment 951 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the Alabama Legislature, during its 2022 Regular Session, to draft a recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901;

WHEREAS Amendment 951 confines the draft recompilation to arranging the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 into proper articles, parts, and sections; removing all racist language; deleting duplicative and repealed provisions; consolidating provisions regarding economic development; and arranging all local amendments by county of application; and the draft may make "no other changes";

WHEREAS Amendment 951 further requires any such draft recompilation to be submitted to the voters upon approval, through a joint resolution, by a three-fifths vote of each house of the Legislature;

WHEREAS the Legislature at its 2022 Regular Session enacted a joint resolution by the requisite three-fifths vote approving a "Proposed Constitution of Alabama of 2022" and specifically finding that it complies with Amendment 951 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, see Ala. Act No. 2022-111;

WHEREAS the full text of the Proposed Constitution of 2022 is published on the website of the Secretary of State as required by Amendment 951 and is available for viewing at <http://alison.legislature.state.al.us/proposed-2022-constitution>;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Amendment 951 and other applicable provisions of Alabama law, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the State upon ratification of the Proposed Constitution of 2022 to be held at the 2022 general election; and

WHEREAS, upon ratification of the proposed Constitution of 2022 by a majority of the qualified electors of this State voting on the question of ratification, the Proposed Constitution of 2022 shall succeed the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 as the supreme law of this State in accordance with Amendment 951;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by the Public Service Commission, which regulation shall include, but not be limited to, regulation of the rates, charges, and increases in rates or charges imposed on its customers. The Public Service Commission shall certify and regulate the entities, plants, facilities, and utilities affected hereby, based on and in accordance with Title 37, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. Implementation of this amendment, whether gradual or at one time, shall be determined by the Public Service Commission. Until the Public Service Commission determines applicable rates and charges to be imposed on customers, the rates and charges shall be in accord with and governed by the most recent and controlling rate control agreement or in the event there is not a controlling rate control agreement, that utility's most recent published rate.

(c) If the county, a municipality, or a governmental utility service corporation (GUSC) in the county enters into a rate control agreement with an entity or facility described in subsection (b), the county, municipality, or GUSC may opt out of regulation by the Public Service Commission or to and for any residential or commercial customers affected by and are subject to the rate control agreement. In the event a rate control agreement or any part thereof is found to be invalid, or is terminated by the county, municipality, or GUSC that entered into the rate control agreement, or becomes unenforceable or void in whole or in part, then the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and the provisions in subsection (b) pertaining to regulation by the Public Service Commission shall be restored and enforced to the full force and effect of this amendment.

(d) In the event Public Service Commission jurisdiction is restored after the county, municipality, or GUSC has exercised its opt-out provision provided in subsection (c) and has voluntarily terminated the rate control agreement, the county, municipality, or GUSC may not again exercise its power to opt out of Public Service Commission jurisdiction and rate control for a period of five years from the date

of November 3, 2020.

Public Service Commission jurisdiction is reinstated.

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by the Legislature;

AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY

ACT NO. 2021-201

Part I. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as Aniah's Law.

Part II. Section 16 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 16 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 16.

"That all persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses, when the proof is evident or the presumption great unless charged with an offense enumerated by the Legislature by general law, capital murder, as provided in Section 13A-5-40, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; murder, as provided in Section 13A-6-2, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; kidnapping in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-43, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; rape in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-61, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sodomy in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-63, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sexual torture, as provided in Section 13A-6-65-1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; domestic violence in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; human trafficking in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-152, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; aggravated burglary in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-7-5, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; arson in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-7-41, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sodomy in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-7-43, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; human trafficking in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-7-45, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; arson in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-7-47, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and that excessive bail shall not in any case be required."

AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY

ACT NO. 2021-202

Section 6.06 of Amendment 328, as amended by Amendment 364, of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 144 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Amendment 364.

"Section 6.06. Probate court.

"There shall be a probate court in each county which shall have general jurisdiction of orphans' business, and of adoptions, and with the power to grant letters testamentary, and of administration, and of guardianships, and shall have such further jurisdiction as may be provided by law, provided, that whenever the circuit court has taken jurisdiction of the settlement of any estate, it shall have power to do all things necessary for the settlement of such estate, including the appointment and removal of administrators, executors, guardians, and trustees and including action upon the resignation of either of them."

AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY

ACT NO. 2021-284

The implementation date for any bill enacted by the Legislature in a calendar year in which a general election is to be held and relating to the conduct of the general election shall be at least six months before the general election.

AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY

ACT NO. 2021-327

Each municipality authorized to levy and collect the special ad valorem tax authorized in Amendment No. 8 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901, now appearing as Section 216.01 of the

Recompiled Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, for the payment of bonds and the interest thereon, may levy and collect such ad valorem tax at a rate not exceeding the millage rate then lawfully permitted to be levied and collected by the municipality to directly pay the costs of public capital improvements, as well as to pay the principal of and interest on bonds, warrants, or other securities issued to finance or refinance the costs of the improvements; and any levy and collection of such ad valorem tax for these purposes by the municipality prior to the ratification of this amendment is hereby ratified, validated, and confirmed.

(1) Use public funds to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire real property, buildings, plants, factories, facilities, machinery, and equipment of any kind, or to utilize the properties heretofore purchased or otherwise acquired on or before adoption of this amendment, and to improve and develop the properties for use as sites for industry of any kind or as industrial park projects, including, but not limited to, grading and the construction of roads, drainage, sewers, sewage and waste disposal systems, parking areas, and utilities to serve the sites or projects.

(2) Lease, sell, grant, exchange, or otherwise convey, on terms approved by the governing body of the county or the municipality, as applicable, all or any part of any real property, buildings, plants, factories, facilities, machinery, and equipment of any kind or industrial park project to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, including any industrial development board or other public corporation or authority heretofore or hereafter created by the county or the municipality before or after adoption of this amendment.

(1) The action proposed to be taken by the county or municipality is approved at a public meeting of the governing body of the county or municipality, as the case may be, by a resolution containing a determination by the governing body that the expenditure of public funds for the purpose specified will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to any private entity or entities.

(2) At least seven days prior to the public meeting, a notice is published in the a newspaper having the largest circulation in circulation in the county or municipality, as the case may be, describing in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken, a description of the public benefits sought to be achieved by the action, and identifying each individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity to whom, or for whose benefit, the county or the municipality proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or thing of value.

(3) Lend its credit to, or grant public funds and things of value in aid of, or to, any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the county or the municipality.

(4) Become indebted and issue bonds, warrants which may be payable from funds to be realized in future years, notes, or other obligations, or evidences of indebtedness to an aggregate outstanding principal amount not exceeding an amount equal to 50 percent of the assessed value of taxable property therein as determined for state taxation, in order to secure funds for the purchase, construction, lease, or acquisition of any of the property described in subdivision (1), or to be used in furtherance of any of the other powers or authorities granted in this amendment. The obligations or evidences of indebtedness may be issued upon the full faith and credit of the county or any municipality or may be limited as to the source of their payment.

(5) For purposes of the foregoing, any sale, lease, or other disposition of property for a price equal to its fair market value thereof shall not constitute the lending of credit or a grant of public funds or thing of value in aid of a private entity.

(6) Nothing in this amendment shall authorize the county commission to own or operate a cable television system.

(7) Any action taken, or agreement made, under Amendment 772 by any county or municipality prior to the date this amendment is ratified and confirmed in all respects as of that date, except to the extent that its validity is being challenged in appropriate judicial proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction on the date this amendment is ratified. This amendment These amendatory provisions shall have prospective application only. Any local constitutional amendments previously adopted and any local law enacted pursuant to such amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY

ACT NO. 2022-256

(a) The governor shall have power to grant reprieves and commutations to persons under sentence of death.

(b) The power to grant a reprieve or commutation under subdivision (1) shall not be exercised until the Governor has notified the Attorney General and has made reasonable efforts to notify a designated member of the victim's family, whose mailing address, e-mail, and phone number have been provided to the Governor by the Attorney General for this purpose.

(3) Failure to provide the required notification under subdivision (2) shall void the reprieve or commutation, and the Attorney General may seek a new execution order from the Alabama Supreme Court as provided under existing law.

(b) The legislature shall have power to Legislate may provide for and to regulate the administration of pardons, paroles, remission of fines or forfeitures, and may authorize the courts having criminal jurisdiction to suspend sentence and to order probation.

(c) No pardon shall relieve a person from civil and political disabilities unless specifically expressed in the pardon.

(d) In the event Public Service Commission jurisdiction is restored after the county, municipality, or GUSC has exercised its opt-out provision provided in subsection (c) and has voluntarily terminated the rate control agreement, the county, municipality, or GUSC may not again exercise its power to opt out of Public Service Commission jurisdiction and rate control for a period of five years from the date

of November 3, 2020.

AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY

ACT NO. 2022-286

"Amendment 772

(a) The governing body of any county, and in the governing body of any county, and in the unincorporated areas of Article 4 of Chapter 54

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PROCLAMATION  
BY THE GOVERNOR

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From

### The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our youngest grandson and his Mom* paid a visit to Elba over the weekend and while he did spend a lot of time whining, it was a great visit and we did get to see him smile and try to copy what we said. I would whine too if all I got to eat was powder mixed in water, but I guess until he gets a little older that is all that's on the menu. Don't worry, his granddaddy will make sure he enjoys his meals a little more as he gets older!

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers took care of business* last week in their regular season finale with a 31-0 region road win over McKenzie, and for the second straight week did what it had to do and then turned matters over to the reserves to run out the clock in the second half. The Elba offense ran the ball as usual and averaged 10 yards per carry, while the defense recorded its first shutout of the season thanks to a goal line stand by the reserves in the fourth quarter. It was a big win for the Tigers and hopefully will keep them determined to keep getting better and making even more noise in the playoffs.

\*\*\* *It was another so-so-week for the teams* in the area as Kinston and Brantley posted wins and Zion Chapel and New Brockton tasted defeat. Looking back, the Kinston Bulldogs went on the road and showed real pride and determination in their 18-15 win over a solid Houston County team, while Brantley scored on the first play of the game and never looked back in a 53-25 win that reminded Flora that there is still work to do before the Wildcats join the ranks with the top teams in the region. Zion Chapel for some reason hosted third-ranked Reeltown for senior night and got while the Rebels came out on the short end of a 40-8 final score, they did learn just how good other teams in the 2A ranks can be. New Brockton was outscored by Northside Methodist 48-18 in a televised game from Rip Hewes Stadium, in Dothan, and despite the lopsided loss did get to close the season on the big screen.

\*\*\* *A few notes about the now completed* regular season in high school football \* Elba punted only once in the month of October and didn't punt at all in its final three games \* Zion Chapel's three wins were more

than the Rebels had compiled in the last two seasons combined and gave up its fewest points in eight years \* New Brockton posted an 0-10 record for the first time in 22 years and surrendered 409 points, the most ever by the Gamecocks \* Kinston was disappointed with its 4-6 record after winning eight games a year ago, but needs to remember the four wins were the third most in any season in the last seven years \* Brantley didn't win its region title for the first time in four years, but is only one win away from joining the '600 Win' club \* Fyffe has now won at least 10 games for twelve straight years \* T.R. Miller is the winningest team all-time in the state with 717 wins \* Meek posted a 10-0 record for the first time in 36 years \* Vincent won nine games for the first time in 42 years \* and, Fultondale went 0-10 for the first time in 59 years.

\*\*\* *I know it is considered bad luck* to look ahead in tournament play, and while I am very superstitious, I just had to take a peek at the brackets in the classes in the football playoffs to see what could be waiting for the fans in week number two, and found some very interesting possible round two match-ups. If opening round games hold true to form, which I admit is rare, Class 1A will be filled with classic contests with Maplesville hosting Leroy, Linden hosting Brantley, Elba hosting Sweet Water and Millry hosting Loachapoka. Other possible match-ups that caught my eye included (2A) G.W. Long at Reeltown and Highland Home at Ariton, (3A) Opp at St. James and Trinity at Houston Academy, (4A) Andalusia at American Christian and Handley at T.R. Miller, (5A) Eufaula at Demopolis and Selma at Charles Henderson, (6A) Pike Road at Homewood and Pelham at Carver, (7A) Auburn at Foley and Enterprise at Central, Phenix City. I know there will no doubt be upsets in the opening round that upends the apple cart. However, this year looks like a very exciting playoff season for all the teams in the state.

\*\*\* *Auburn continued to send its fans home early* from Jordan-Hare Stadium again over the weekend in a two-touchdown loss to Arkansas. The loss was just the latest in what has become a nightmare for many AU fans, and one that will only get worse since many of the players are now making a fast exit from the once-proud program.

\*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* dropped by over the weekend to get his playoff passes and declared maybe the AHSAA needs to install a 'I quit' rule for teams that trail big at the half and the coaches that are ready to go home. He said last week's six minute quarters with a running clock in the second half of the Elba win over McKenzie was a waste of time for everyone but the fans that were ready for the long ride back home. I agree that six minute quarters are a bit drastic, and would recommend ten minute quarters after one team concedes defeat. Anyway,

the local guesser hit on 22 of his 24 picks last week and said he hopes his luck holds out in the post-season since he will pick many games involving teams he knows nothing about. Here are this week's playoff picks...

### ELBA VS. CHOCTAW COUNTY

The Pea River felines may have to worry a little bit about losing some fur Friday night when a tribe of Indians from over in the west part of the state come to town looking for scalps. The guess here is the felines will use their homefield advantage to keep their distance from the invaders and will survive and move on to round two.

**ELBA 34 SOUTHERN CHOCTAW 19**

### BRANTLEY VS. CHOCTAW COUNTY

The bulldogs from across the creek will be back at the pound this weekend and will have to chase away a litter of stray cats if they want to keep their state title hopes alive. While these kitties may cause some problems early on, look for the 'dogs to take charge and send the kitties back across the creek.

**BRANTLEY 48 CHOCTAW COUNTY 12**

### OTHER PICKS:

Maplesville 41 R.C. Hatch 6  
Leroy 27 Georgiana 14  
Linden 35 Autaugaville 21  
Sweet Water 22 Verbena 21  
Millry 48 Florala 20  
Loachapoka 33 Keith 18  
B.B. Comer 27 Lanett 22  
Wicksburg 31 J.U. Blacksher 28  
G.W. Long 24 St. Luke's 10  
Ariton 35 Chickasaw 21  
Clarke County 20 Cottonwood 14  
Vincent 29 Luverne 27  
Thomasville 28 Straughn 26  
Opp 31 W.S. Neal 7  
Houston Academy 17 Mobile Christian 15  
Pike County 22 Excel 21  
Orange Beach 38 B.T. Washington 24  
Andalusia 34 Jackson 20  
T.R. Miller 21 Montgomery Academy 7  
Gulf Shores 31 Carroll 17  
Faith 28 Eufaula 14  
Charles Henderson 13 Williamson 12  
Carver 22 St. Paul's 17  
Foley 28 Dothan 27  
Auburn 42 Fairhope 21  
Central PC 35 Mary Montgomery 3  
Enterprise 36 Baker 20

### Elba Tigers host Southern Choctaw in round one of 1A playoffs

The Elba Tigers will be looking to continue their winning ways Friday night when they host the Southern Choctaw Indians, in the first round of the Class 1A state high school football playoffs, at Tiger Stadium, in Elba.

Elba will bring a 10-0 record into the game and will enter the game as the #1 seed in Region 2, while Southern Choctaw will enter the playoffs with a 3-6 record and is the #4 seed in Region 1.

Elba has a 51-29 playoff record, including a 20-13 record in first round games, while Southern Choctaw has a 47-25 playoff record and is 20-8 in first round action.

"Southern Choctaw has a solid football team with a lot of good looking athletes," said Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "They have a couple of guys that on film look like division one players and they really catch your eye. On offense they don't do anything fancy, but do a really good job at what they do. They will run out of the pro-set with split backs and have a big 225-pounder at fullback that can open holes. The quarterback looks to run first, but can throw the football and won't hesitate to throw it deep. Their line is big and with their backs

it is easy to see why they are a running team."

Elba posted its first 10-win regular season since 2014, but its eighth overall 10-win season in the last 14 years, and is the only high school team in the history of the Alabama Sports Writers poll to be ranked #1 in four classifications (1A-2A-3A-4A).

The Tigers averaged 42.9 points a game in regular season action and scored forty or more points in seven games, while the defense allowed an average of 12.9 points a game and held seven foes to one touchdown, or less.

"We were able to play a lot of people the last two weeks and should be in good shape entering the post-season," added Coach Sieving. "We have some bumps and bruises like all teams after ten regular season games, but feel like we are in good shape and the players are excited about the playoffs starting this week. It is now time to take every game one at a time, because a loss will end your season, no matter what your record is. We know we still have a lot of things to improve on and will keep working. The second season will kick off Friday night and we still have a lot of goals we have yet to achieve."



Elba Tigers and Tiger cheerleaders stopped long enough for a short celebration last week before leaving McKenzie after closing the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record.

Southern Choctaw won its final two games to make the playoffs for the first time since 2018, and this season has been the continual rebuild of the Indians football program after sitting out the 2020 season due to Covid.

The Indians own wins over McIntosh 22-21, J.F. Shields 44-8 and Fruitdale 44-30, while losing to J.U. Blacksher 34-6, Millry 44-8, Florala 38-20, Marengo 32-14, Choctaw County 22-16, and Leroy 54-6. The Indians have averaged 20 points a game and allowed 31 points a game.

While the Southern Choctaw football program has struggled in recent years, it has a rich history on the gridiron during regular season or playoff action. The Bulldogs will

(1998-1999-2002) and 15 region crowns.

Coach Jeremy Noland is in his 14th year the helm of the Indians and has a career record of 68-77.

I was especially proud of

the younger players got the chance to gain some valuable experience. Our starters played well and so did the number two's. Alex has worked hard and is a big part of this team and its success."

### Brantley hosts Choctaw County in playoff opener

The (8-2) Brantley Bulldogs will be in the friendly confines of Coach David Lowery Stadium Friday night when they kick off the Class 1A high school football playoffs against the (4-5) Choctaw County Tigers.

The two teams have both been playing high school football for over 100 years, but have never met on the gridiron during regular season or playoff action. The Bulldogs will

enter the playoff opener averaging 40.3 points a game and allowing 14 points a game, own a 77-37 playoff record and are 34-7 in first round action.

The Tigers will come to town averaging 22.8 points a game and allowing 19.4 points a game, and will be making their first post-season appearance in 19 years. The Tigers have an 8-12 playoff record, including a 5-7 record in first round action.



Elba Girls JV Basketball team wins Brantley Tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers junior varsity basketball team competed last Saturday, Oct. 29, in a basketball tournament held at Brantley School, and the Lady Tigers brought home the championship trophy.

"Our girls played three very good teams in the tournament," said Coach Shaun Hammonds. "I was very proud of them. They were resilient in their play."

In the tournament, Elba defeated Highland Home and Luverne to make it to the championship game where they met tournament hosts, Brantley.

"We were down by 7-points in that championship game with about four minutes to go," Hammonds said. "The girls did not give up, and they found a way to win and bring home the championship trophy."

### Junior High BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Nov. 3  
Brantley at Highland Home (G-B) 4:30  
Zion Chapel at G.W. Long (G-B) 5:00

Monday, Nov. 7  
Brantley at Elba (G-B) 4:30  
New Brockton at Zion Chapel (G-B) 4:30

Tuesday, Nov. 8  
Elba at Zion Chapel (G-B) 4:30  
New Brockton at South Dale (G-B) 6:00  
Brantley at Luverne (G-B) 5:00

Thursday, Nov. 10  
Zion Chapel at Elba (G-B) 4:30  
Highland Home at Brantley (G-B) 4:30

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## SPORTS NEWS

Finish regular season 10-0

## Tigers manhandle McKenzie 31-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers put the finishing touch on an undefeated regular season Friday night with a 31-0 region road win over the McKenzie Tigers.

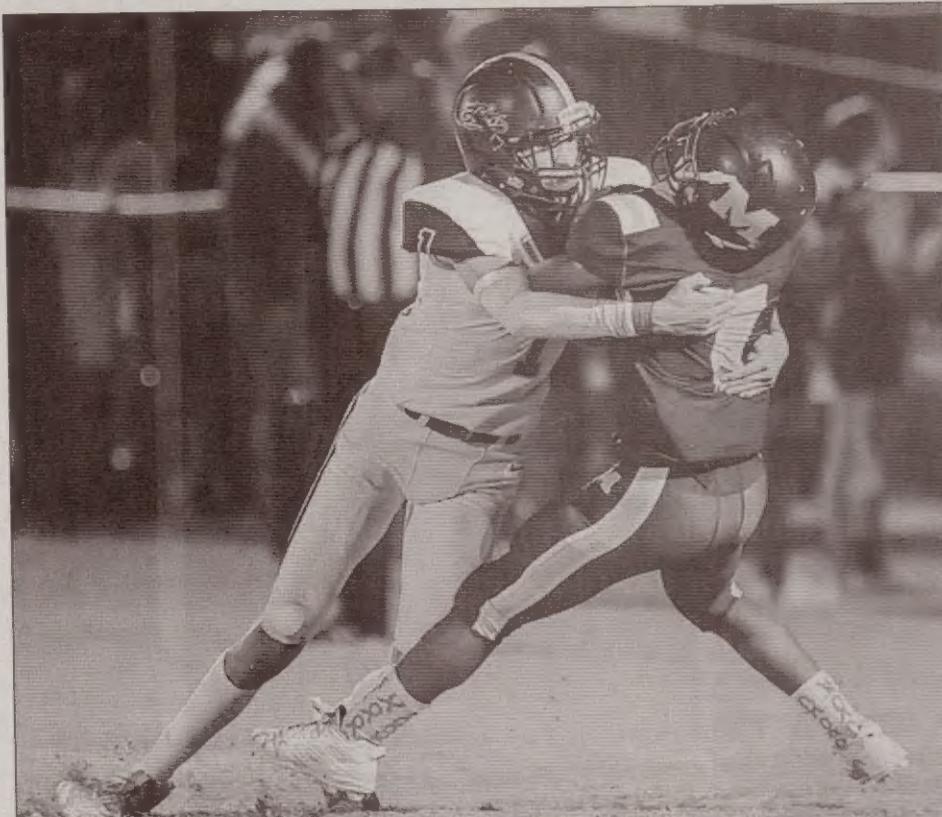
It was the Elba defense that put the first points of the night on the scoreboard as on the fourth play of the game the Tigers Cayden Adkins picked off a pass and rambled 43 yards down the sidelines for a touchdown. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 9:50 remaining in the first quarter Elba was already on top 7-0.

Elba began its first offensive series near midfield after a McKenzie punt and went 52 yards in four plays to add to its lead. An apparent 40-yard touchdown run by JT Coleman was wiped off by a penalty flag. However, the flag only delayed the Tiger touchdown as two plays later Alvin Henderson broke loose and raced 17 yards into the endzone. Wisecup added the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 14-0 with 5:15 left in the quarter.

The Tigers next possession began at the McKenzie 47-yardline after another punt and it again took the Tigers four plays to reach the endzone. Alvin Henderson scored his second td of the quarter on a 24-yard dash, and after Wisecup booted the extra-point Elba's lead was up to 21-0 with 1:08 still left in the first quarter.

The Tigers put the ball in play at the McKenzie 21-yardline early in the second quarter after a fumble recovery by Brayden Johnson and appeared headed for another score, but a penalty flag on third down backed Elba up to the 25-yardline, and Alex Wisecup salvaged three points for the Tigers as he boomed a 42-yard field-goal to up the lead to 24-0 with 8:13 left in the quarter.

Elba began its next offensive series at the McKenzie 38-yardline after yet another punt and



Elba Tiger Colin Arnold (1) stops a McKenzie runner in his tracks with a jarring tackle in last week's 31-0 shutout win that upped the Tigers record to 10-0 entering this week's 1A playoff opener.

this time needed only three plays to reach paydirt, with Alvin Henderson scoring his third td of the half on a 30-yard sprint up the middle. Wisecup's extra-point try was successful, and with 4:25 left in the half the Tigers were in complete control with a 31-0 lead.

Elba's Alvin Henderson appeared to score his fourth touchdown of the half on a 59-yard run down the sidelines late in the second quarter, but a penalty flag nullified the score and the Tigers went into intermission still on top 31-0.

The second half consisted of two six-minute quarters with a running clock, and while the half was non-stop on the clock, the Tigers did have time to have a goal-line stand after McKenzie had the ball first down and goal at the Elba 1-yardline, got to watch Cassidy Carpenter carry the ball eight times for 61 yards and put the final touch on a perfect 10-0 regular season with the 31-0 road win.

Alvin Henderson rushed six times for 118 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Elba offense, while Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 61 yards on eight carries and Brayden



Elba Marching Tiger band member is at attention as he waits to perform at halftime in last week's regular season finale at McKenzie.

Johnson rushed four times for 58 yards. Jalen McMillan completed 5 of 10 passes, with one interception, for 83 yards to lead McKenzie, with Jay Jackson pulling in two passes for 74 yards.

## Elba's youth football teams shutout

## Zion Chapel in rec league games

The Elba Parks and Recreation youth football teams hosted Zion Chapel last Saturday, Oct. 29, at Tiger Stadium. All three Elba teams won.

The Elba Mini Mites won 30-0, the Elba Termites won 52-0, and the Elba Pee Wee Tigers won 52-2. The Elba

Mini Mites are 5-1 on the season, the Elba Termites are 6-0 on the season, and the Pee Wee team is 4-2 on the season.

This Saturday, Nov. 5, the Elba teams will travel to Opp for the final games of the regular season. Games begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) is off and running in last week's 31-0 win over McKenzie. Henderson rushed for 118 yards and 2 touchdowns on six carries in the road win.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Kinston Bulldogs tame Lions 18-15

Statistics by W.J. Adcock  
Staff photos by Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs closed the book on the 2022 football season Friday night with an exciting 18-15 region road win over the Houston County Lions.

Houston County got on the scoreboard first as the Lions went 40 yards

in eight plays after the Bulldogs failed to convert on a fourth down and one. Isaiah McKenzie capped the short scoring drive with a 4-yard scoring scamper, and Geovanni Rodriguez kicked the extra-point to put the Lions on top 7-0 with 2:49 remaining in the first quarter.

Kinston turned the ball over on downs at the

Houston County 40-yardline on its ensuing series, but regained possession at the Lions 38-yardline after an unsuccessful faked punt on fourth down and this time reached the endzone as the Bulldogs went 38 yards in five plays. The score came on a 16-yard touchdown toss from Cale Sumblin to Dylan Davis, and while the extra-point try failed, the Bulldogs had pulled within 7-6 with 7:56 remaining in the half.

Kinston began its next series near midfield after a Houston County punt and marched 55 yards in 11 plays to take the lead. Cale Sumblin rushed for 25 yards on four carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Jeb Crosby scored the touchdown on a 2-yard run. The extra-point try was again unsuccessful, but with 19-seconds left in the half Kinston was on top 12-7.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and promptly went 48 yards in seven running plays to extend its lead. Jeb Crosby rushed for 17 yards on five carries to carry the load during the scoring march, while Cale Sumblin capped off the drive with a 16-yard touchdown run. A two-point attempt failed to add points; however, with 9:11 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs had opened up an

18-7 advantage. Houston County began its initial possession of the second half at its own 45-yardline and the Lions went 55 yards in seven plays to cut into the Kinston lead. Azariel Todd rushed for 21 yards on three carries and capped the scoring drive with an 8-yard touchdown run, and Todd also ran in the two-point conversion as Houston County pulled within 18-15 with 5:43 remaining in the quarter.

Kinston punted on its next two possessions, but the Bulldog defense picked up the slack as it twice turned back the Lions, including once on a fourth down play at the Kinston 18-yardline.

Houston County threatened again late and drove to a first down at the Kinston 14-yardline in the closing minute of the fourth quarter, but the Bulldog defense was again up to the task and when a 37-yard field-goal attempt failed find the up-rights, Kinston had escaped with the exciting 18-15 region win.

Cale Sumblin rushed for 84 yards and one touchdown on 17 carries and completed one of six passes for 16 yards and one TD to lead the Bulldog offense, while Jeb Crosby added 67 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries.



Kinston Bulldog Jeb Crosby (1) follows teammate Brodie Walker (74) around the corner looking for room to run.

### County runners advance to state cross-country meet

The Alabama High School Athletic Association staged its annual cross-country section meets last weekend at sites across the state and teams from Coffee County enjoyed their day on the trails as both the girls and boys teams from Zion Chapel qualified for the Class 1A-2A state championships, while the boys teams from New Brockton and Kinston also qualified in their respective classes.

The Zion Chapel boys placed second behind St. Luke's at the course in Andalusia, led by Cole Charles, who placed sixth overall with a time of 19:12.15. Landon Sawyer placed 13th with a time of 20:39.94, followed by teammates Alex Moseley 20:54.11, Austin Pritchett 23:00.58, Joe Bradley 23:14.12 and Elijah Barker 23:15.97.

In girls competition, Theresa Clary placed 12th to lead the Lady Rebels with a time of 24:13.76, while Cailyn Sanders 25:04.33 and Charlotte Sanders 26:54.25 helped lead the team to a fourth place finish.

The New Brockton boys advanced to the Class 3A state championship with a fourth place finish at the 3A section meet, also in Andalusia. Grason Wallace led the Gamecock runners with a seventh place finish and a time of 19:05.08, while teammates Gavin Hand 23:09.64, Issac Walden 24:34.34, William Fricks 26:40.32 and Judd Thomas 28:36.84 also turned in excellent runs.

The Kinston boys qualified for the 1A-2A state meet with a fourth place finish at the section meet, in Andalusia. Colby Tew placed 15th with a time of 20:42.35 to lead the Bulldog runners, while teammates Malachi McCarty 21:15.18, Easton Parker 26:41.57, Clayton Brown 26:41.90 and Jack Johnson 27:16.40 also turned in good performances.



Kinston Finishes "Top 8" in Class 1A Volleyball...The Kinston Lady Bulldogs season came to an end last week at the Alabama High School Athletic Association's State Volleyball Tournament. The Lady 'Dawgs season ended with a first round loss at state to Addison. Season stats included being the Class 1A, Area champion, a fourth place finish at the South Regional Tournament to advance in the playoffs, and a Top 8 Finish for Class 1A at the state tournament. Team members included: (front, l to r) Rachel Hall, Baylee Smith, Aubrie Brown, Madison Lolley, Cameran Whigham, and Luz Santana; (back, l to r) Coach Tiffany Johnson, McKinley Gibson, Claire McReynolds, Abbie Green, Caitlyn Wilson, Danielle Cain, Ella Nicometo, Coach Suzanne Elmore, and Tiana Burbank.

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### In season finale

### New Brockton outscored by Knights 48-18

Statistics by Brandon White  
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks' saw a long season come to an end Friday night with a 48-18 region loss to the Northside Methodist Knights, at Rip Hewes Stadium, in Dothan.

New Brockton's defense came up with a turnover near midfield midway

through the second quarter on a fumble recovery by Curtis Wambles, and the Gamecocks cashed in the turnover and grabbed a 6-0 lead on a 16-yard pass from Chase Ray to Jaxon Whitworth with 4:29 remaining in the opening quarter.

Northside Methodist bounced right back and went on top 7-6 with 4:02 left in the quarter on a 10-yard

run by Braylen Clements, but the Gamecocks didn't stay behind for long and regained the lead at 12-7 with 41-seconds left on the clock on a 25-yard touchdown toss from Ray to Jared Petit.

The Knights moved back ahead 14-12 with 9:24 left in the second quarter on a 27-yard pass from Harrison Hicks to Jaydin Watkins, and then scored three unanswered touchdowns in the third quarter to open up a 34-12 lead with 5:43 left in the quarter.

The Northside Methodist scores came on a 5-yard pass from Hicks to Clements after a bad snap on a Gamecock punt attempt, a 1-yard run by Clements after a defensive stand at the New Brockton 29-yardline, and a 17-yard run by Clements after a pass interception at the New Brockton 23-yardline.

New Brockton scored its final points of the season with 3:25 remaining in the



New Brockton cheerleaders keep the spirit on the sidelines while the Gamecocks battle on the field during a recent game.

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## SPORTS NEWS

In key region clash

## Brantley flattens Florala 53-25

From combined reports  
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs put their stamp on the #2 seed in the region standings Friday night with a dominating 53-25 region road win over the Florala Wildcats.

Brantley wasted little time letting Florala know it had come to play as on the game's opening play Jayden Parks connected with Jon Bush on a 53-yard touchdown toss to put the Bulldogs on top 6-0.

A 30-yard run by Robert Shine and a 30-yard pass from Parks to Kedrick Brown helped Brantley overcome a rash of penalty flags on its next possession, which was climaxed with a 4-yard scoring run by Jayden Parks as the Bulldogs lead quickly grew to 14-0.

A 35-yard pass from Jayden Parks to Jordan Parks pushed the Bulldogs lead to 20-0 early in the second quarter, but Florala showed signs of life after the third Brantley touchdown and finally found the endzone on its own when Dalton Jackson scored on a 1-yard run and added the extra-point to pull the Wildcats within 20-7 with 9:52 left in the half.

The cheering on the Florala side of the stadium didn't last for long; however, as Brantley added three more scores before the end of the half to open up a big 39-7 halftime advantage.

Robert Shine capped a four-play drive with a 2-yard touchdown dash, Jordan Parks returned an interception for a Bulldog touchdown and Jayden Parks scored his second rushing touchdown of the half on a 22-yard scamper as the 'Dogs were in charge at intermission.

Rayshon Coleman scored early in the third quarter to pull Florala within 39-13 and pumped life back into the Wildcats, but the excitement again didn't last for long as only 15-seconds later the Bulldogs struck again, this time on a 68-yard touchdown toss from Jayden Parks to Jon Bush, as Brantley upped its lead to 46-13.

Trevon Pittman scored the final Brantley td on a 4-yard run, while Florala added two late scores on a 4-yard run by Johan Zamora and a 5-yard pass from Rayshon Coleman to Dalton Jackson, as the Bulldogs locked down the number two seed with the impressive 53-25 road win.

Jayden Parks completed 12 of 13 passes for 270 yards and 4 touchdowns to spark the Brantley offensive attack, while Jon Bush pulled in six passes for 170 yards and three touchdowns, and Cooper Layton led the defense with eight tackles.

The Zion Chapel Rebels struggled to find their way to the basket in a 51-10 loss to G.W. Long. Dakota Sutton scored 10 points and De'Anthony Simpson added 8 points to lead G.W. Long.

Opp 42 New Brockton 5

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 42-5 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Cam Jones scored 11 points and Jeshun Crittenden added 10 to lead Opp.

Samson 23 Kinston 20

The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a 23-20 decision to the Samson Tigers. Ben McKenzie scored 17 points to lead Samson.

Samson 31 Zion Chapel 17

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 31-17 loss to the Samson Tigers. Benjamin Hobbs scored 5 points to lead the Rebels, while Benjamin McKenzie led Samson with 15 points.

Dauphin 27 Elba 21

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ZC Bass Team finishes seventh in Oct. 22 tourney on Lake Martin

Beautiful weather prevailed, and the Zion Chapel Bass Team finished its third tournament Saturday, Oct. 22, on the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail for this season. Lake Martin once again challenged the team.

An old lake on the Tallapoosa River, Lake Martin has experienced many changes in the last few years. With mansions now lining the shores, the lake is now popular for its water sports. Even with these

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Brantley Bulldog Jon Bush (3) heads upfield after pulling in a pass. Bush caught 6 passes for 170 yards and 3 touchdowns in last week's 53-25 region win over Florala.

## Junior High

## BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

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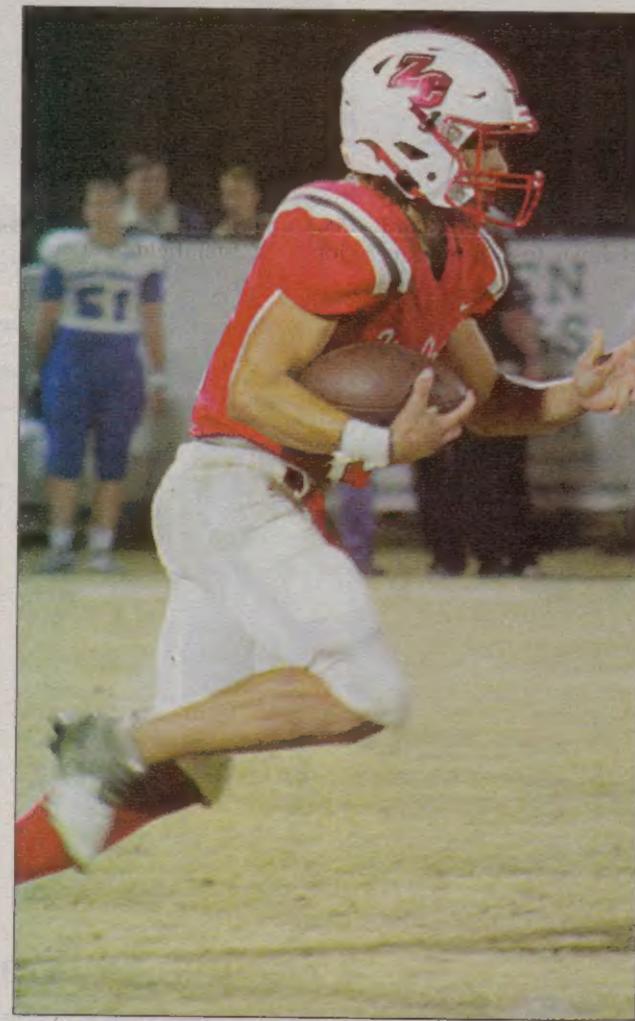
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Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks (1) looks for room to run. Parks rushed for two touchdowns and passed for 270 yards and three td's in last week's 53-25 region win over Florala.

Playoff Tickets can be purchased at [Gofan.co](http://Gofan.co)



Zion Chapel Rebel Micah Fuller heads upfield for a short gain in last week's season finale against Reeltown.

## Rebels outscored by Reeltown 40-8 in finale

Statistics by Joey Arnold  
Photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels wrote the final chapter in the 2022 football history book Friday night after a 40-8 loss to the high-powered Reeltown Rebels, at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack.

Reeltown, ranked third in the state in Class 2A, came out ready to play in the regular season finale for both teams and behind the play of Arthur Woods jumped out to a 20-0 first half lead. Woods returned an interception 75 yards for a touchdown, returned a punt 50 yards for a score and raced 94 yards from the line of scrimmage for another touchdown as the visiting Rebels jumped out to a 20-0 lead with 5:58 left in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard with 9:52 remaining in the third quarter on a safety as the hometown Rebels cut the deficit to 20-2. However, Reeltown was far from finished as Takeo Potts scored on a 4-yard run and Omorion Ponds scored on a 29-yard scamper to resume command with a 32-2 advantage.

The Rebels Morgan Sanders scored on a 1-yard run with 6:03 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull the Rebels within 32-8, but Reeltown added its final points with 6:32 left on the clock on a 12-yard run by Traylen Roberts as it headed back home with an 8-1 record after posting the 40-8 win.

Jackson Adcock had a 36-yard interception return and Shaun Smith blocked an extra-point attempt for Zion Chapel.

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Zion Chapel Marching Band member Grayce Weeks was in the halloween spirit during halftime festivities last week.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### New Hope Senior Citizens Center hosts Fall Fling event

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center hosted a Fall Fling for its seniors last Thursday, Oct. 27, and the group reportedly had a blast playing multiple games, including balloon darts, bowling, cookie walk, bean bag toss, egg toss, ring the pumpkin and more.

Senior director Conzuella Banks said the seniors had candy bags, prizes, snacks and popcorn.

"It was great seeing everyone together," she said. "A special thanks to my coworkers James Moultry and Penny Price. Also, Louisco Moultry and Johnny Moultry volunteered to help us after the event, and we appreciate them as well."

Banks said everyone was so excited to be at the center together for the event, and they look forward to the next event.



This group of senior citizens enjoyed the Fall Fling event last Thursday at the New Hope Senior Center.



PLAYERS RECOGNIZED AT ELBA QB CLUB MEETING...Elba football coach Marc Sieving recognized two players last Friday, Oct. 28, at the Elba Quarterback Club 'game day' lunch meeting, Tykell Tyson (72) and Kyle Smith (56), both seniors, were highlighted during the meeting as Sieving spoke of the grit and determination each plays with for the Tigers. The Tigers enter the playoffs with Friday, Nov. 4th. The QB Club will host the weekly 'game day' meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Elba Country Club.

### Elba Masonic Lodge conducting fundraiser

The members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 are selling tickets for two drawings of \$1,000 each to be given away Monday, Dec. 5, at the Elba Christmas Parade.

Drawing will be held at the flowing well,

which will be located on the downtown square.

This is a fundraiser for the lodge. Tickets are \$10 each or 11 tickets can be purchased for \$100.

For more information, contact W/M Wendell Black



Ethan Young and Avery Padgett with their five fish limit from the Oct. 22nd tournament on Lake Martin. These fish gave the team a seventh place finish in the event.

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or two.

The ZC team had another top ten finish. With over 70 boats in the tournament, Team Padgett/Young finished in seventh place. They had their limit of five fish weighing 8.01 pounds.

Currently, the Padgett/Young team are in sixth place in AYO (Angler of the Year) points out of 80 plus teams in the race. They will fish their final tournament Saturday, Nov. 19, on the Wiregrass Angler Trail at Lake Eufaula.

### Newbia School Reunion set for Saturday, Nov. 12th

The Newbia School Reunion will be held again this year!

The reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Newbia Baptist Church fellowship hall. Fellowship will begin around 10 a.m., and a covered dish lunch

In the meantime, they will fish their first tournament for this season Saturday, Nov. 12, on the Alabama BASS Nation Trail Tiger Division at Lake Guntersville.

As always, the team thanks Taylor Renfroe for being their trusty captain and their coaches Dana Stinson Haley and Larry Campbell for helping them pursue their dream. However, none of this would happen without the financial support of their many sponsors.

Currently, the IDB financials show there remains \$161,206.40 in the bank account. Mayor Maddox asked the board to leave those funds in that account at this time [rather than transferring those to the city also] because he said there are two potential industrial development projects in the works for Elba.

Using code names for the projects, the board voted to enter an executive session to further discuss them as the mayor said both are still in negotiations and cannot be discussed publicly at this time. He did note the city had been working with the Wiregrass Economic and Development Corporation on trying to lure both projects to Elba, and he hoped more information would be available before the end of the year.

No further actions were taken Monday by board member following their exit from the executive session.

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### Newbia School Reunion set for Saturday, Nov. 12th

The Newbia School Reunion will be enjoyed at 12 noon.

All those who attended Newbia School are invited and encouraged to attend.

This will be the first gathering since 2019.

Contact Randle Hodge at (334) 282-3554 for more information.

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